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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT Docket #02-55: In the Matter of Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band

Dear Secretary Dortch,

Police officers are dedicated public servants; oftentimes putting others lives above our own. We are proud to do so, but shouldn't have to deal with additional obstacles caused by radio interference hindering our ability to act fast and safely. I am Chief of the Duxbury Police Department and am very concerned about the current situation. Radio interference is a critical problem for many departments in Massachusetts, but this issue is far more than a regional one – departments all across the country are experiencing the same kind of problems caused by garbled, dropped or lost radio transmissions.

Thankfully, a solution is available: the Consensus Plan. This Plan will eliminate interference while accounting for public safety's future communication needs by providing additional spectrum. Furthermore, this solution will not strain the federal, state or local budgets because it is fully and privately funded.

The Consensus Plan is widely supported by public safety departments and organizations throughout the United States. More than twenty-five public safety organizations in Massachusetts alone support the Consensus Plan including the Greater Boston Police Association, Metrofire Radio, and the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association. The Duxbury Police Department joins this growing list of those who believe in this comprehensive plan and urges the Commission to do the same. Public safety has spoken, please listen: implement the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Chief Mark DeLuca
Duxbury Police Department

The mission of the Town of Duxbury is to deliver excellent services to the community in the most fiscally responsible and innovative manner while endeavoring to broaden our sense of community and preserve the unique character of our town.